

### Purchase of Brief Cases

296. SHRI JAI PRAKASH (HARDOI) : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of brief cases purchased in each of the last three years by the Air Headquarter, Naval Headquarter and the Chief Administrative Office;

(b) the average life of a briefcase and the number of them condemned;

(c) the total number of entitled officers of briefcases; and

(d) the reasons for excess purchase ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) The details are as follows :

	Number of Briefcases purchased		
	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97
Air Headquarters	128	158	67
Naval Headquarters	82	62	41
Office of the Joint Secretary (Training) & Chief Administrative Officer	105	238	275

(b) The life of a briefcase is normally treated as 4 to 5 years from the date of issue. The number of briefcases condemned during the last three years by Air Headquarters, Naval Headquarters and the Office of Joint Secretary (Training) & Chief Administrative Officer are 243, 306 and 132 respectively.

(c) The total number of officers entitled for briefcases catered for by Air Headquarters, Naval Headquarters and the Office of the Joint Secretary (Training) & Chief Administrative Officer are approximately 750, 550 and 2500 respectively.

(d) Does not arise, as no excess purchase has been made.

[Translation]

### Institute of Child Care

297. SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY :  
SHRIMATI KETAKI DEVI SINGH :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to set-up a special institute for the child care;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be set-up ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

### Military exercises by India and Britain

298. SHRI RAJKESHAR SINGH :  
SHRI SATYA DEO SINGH :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether India and Britain have prepared any plan to conduct the biggest ever joint Military exercise;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the above mentioned plan is likely to be finalised ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) While Government have arrangements with the UK for promoting defence cooperation between the two countries, they do not at present have any plan to conduct the biggest ever joint military exercise with the U.K.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

[English]

### Functional Procedure of Cantonment Board

299. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) the functional procedure of a Cantonment Board;

(b) the facilities provided to the elected representatives in Cantonment Board;

(c) whether any suggestions have been received by the Government to bring improvement in the functioning of the present Cantonment Boards; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) The functional procedure of a Cantonment Board is regulated under the provisions of the Cantonments Act, 1924 and the Rules thereunder.

(b) Travelling allowance facility is available to the representatives of the Board for official journey performed.

(c) and (d) Certain suggestions pertaining to the functioning of the Cantonment Boards have been received from time to time such as those relating to increase in the number of members of the Board, nomination of MPs and MLAs, reservation for women and other backward classes on the Board, to amend the Cantonments Act, 1924 to

provide for more powers to the elected members, enhancement of financial assistance to the Cantonment Boards, to liberalise FSI restrictions and to further liberalise land policy.

#### Training for Indian Team

300. SHRI V.M. SUDHEERAN : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the need for taking urgent steps to prepare and train the Indian team for the Asian Games 1998 to be held at Jakarta; and

(b) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI R. DHANUSHKODI ATHITHAN) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Department of Youth Affairs & Sports and the Sports Authority of India have already held meetings with some of the National Federations and reviewed the progress in preparation of National teams for 1998 Asian Games to be held at Bangkok. Training and competition programmes have also been finalised and coaching camps for various disciplines are already in progress.

Review of the progress of the teams and the competition programmes with the remaining Federations is expected to be completed by March, 1997.

#### Opening of New Hospital

301. PROF. JITENDRA NATH DAS : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to open All India Institute of Medical Science type hospital in the North-Eastern region;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) and (b) The North Eastern Indira Gandhi Regional Institute of Health and Medical Sciences, Shillong was set up as an autonomous body with the main objective of *inter-alia* providing advanced and specialised medical care to the people of the entire North Eastern Region at super-speciality level in selected fields.

During Phase I of the project, it is envisaged to set up Interim Facilities for providing super-speciality services in Cardiology and Gastro-enterology with a 30 bedded Hospital.

(c) Does not arise.

#### New National Population Policy

302. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA :  
SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have worked out a new National Population Policy;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof; and

(c) the details of the action plan, if any, laid down to implement the policy ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) to (c) On the basis of comments received from other Ministries/States on the preliminary draft National Population Policy prepared by an expert group, a Statement on the National Population Policy was drafted and laid on the Table of Lok Sabha in reply to the Starred Question No. 156 answered on 2nd December, 1996. This draft statement alongwith a draft Note for the Cabinet has been circulated among Ministries/Departments concerned for final comments before seeking the approval of the Cabinet.

#### AIDS Cases

303. SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO :  
SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the year since when National AIDS Control Programme is being implemented in the country;

(b) the number of HIV cases detected in the country during the last three years, till date, year-wise;

(c) the States from which such cases have been detected;

(d) the main sources of the transmission of HIV cases;

(e) the treatment provided to patients of this dreaded diseases in Eighth Five year plan;

(f) whether any specific scheme has been formulated to prevent the cases of AIDS;

(g) if so, the details thereof;

(h) whether any special cells have been set up by the Government for testing the cases of AIDS in the Hospitals; and

(i) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) AIDS Control Programme has been